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*Report from Habana—Suspicious case of fever on steamship Monterey from Mexican ports.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, May 19, as follows: Week ended May 14, 1904: Vessels inspected and issued bills of health, 32; crew of outgoing vessels inspected, 1,043; passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 455; pieces of freight passed (salted hides), 1,000; number of certificates issued for Mobile and New Orleans, 72.

On board the steamship *Monterey*, which arrived on May 17 from Mexico, there was a cabin passenger in transit for New York with fever of a very suspicious nature. The Cuban quarantine official transferred him to Las Animas Hospital, to have the nature of the fever diagnosed by the commission. It has not yet been decided upon and the case is still under observation.

*Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended May 14, 1904.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	24
Enteritis.....	7
Pneumonia.....	6
Bronchitis.....	3
Tetanus.....	1
Cancer.....	1
Enteric fever.....	1
Meningitis.....	7
Athrepsia.....	1

Total deaths from all causes, 105.

*Personal health certificates to be given at Habana only on request of steamship company.*

Referring to the correspondence between this Bureau and Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia at Habana, Cuba, relative to the issuance of health certificates to passengers from ports infected with yellow fever via Cuban ports to Gulf ports of the United States, in Public Health Report of April 29, 1904, page 798, it was found to be very detrimental to the interests of the steamship lines plying between Habana and the Gulf ports, since passengers for other Southern ports were not required to have these certificates. For these reasons, and on account of the very excellent Cuban quarantine regulations, explained in the correspondence above referred to, the following telegram was sent to the medical officer at Habana:

*WASHINGTON, May 21, 1904.*

Acting Asst. Surg. D. M. ECHEMENDIA, *Habana, Cuba:*

Cease giving personal health certificates, unless specially requested, for each individual case by steamship company.

WYMAN.

*Report from Matanzas—Enteric fever and scarlatina—Quarantine of vessel from Tampico.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, May 16, as follows:

During the week ended May 14, 1904, bills of health were issued to 9 vessels leaving for United States ports.